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Lincoln Business Watch



NEW E-MAIL CRIME ALERT SYSTEM IS AVAILABLE

The Lincoln Police Department has had a long and successful relationship with **The Omega Group** and their crime data mapping systems. The most recent service added for your use is called **CrimeMapping.com**. CRIMEMAPPING states, *"This portal is dedicated to helping law enforcement agencies provide the public with valuable information about recent crime activity by neighborhood. Our goal is to assist police departments in reducing crime through a better informed citizenry."* Through the website you will:

- INVESTIGATE CRIME ACTIVITY BY TYPE, LOCATION OR TIME PERIOD.
- VIEW CRIME ACTIVITY AROUND A SCHOOL OR BUFFER NEAR AN ADDRESS.
- CAPTURE A SNAP SHOT OF ACTIVITY AND CREATE A REPORT FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION.

We have already added a link to their site on the LPD public home page (www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/police) or you can go directly to: www.crimemapping.com and click on "Receive Crime Alerts!". On that website you can subscribe to receive crime updates for any area in the city of Lincoln that you wish. You will be asked to enter an e-mail address that your alerts will be sent to. Then you can enter an address (possibly your home or business) or general area of town that you want information on. Daily updates will be sent to your e-mail or you can check to see what occurred over the previous thirty day time frame.

HOLIDAY CRIME REMINDER

Arrival of the 2008 holiday season will bring about many challenges. One of the biggest is the increase in crime. Lincoln Police officers usually conduct more larceny and burglary investigations during the holidays and this year will be no different.

Businesses are often great targets for the "bad guys". Shoplifters take advantage of the increased store traffic in order to steal and then melt into the crowd to escape. Shoppers leave their purses or wallets more accessible so thieves are able to use stolen credit cards to run up victim's accounts. Car break-ins at large parking lots around malls and schools go up because people are more apt to leave packages or other property visible in their unoccupied vehicles. Construction sites and schools are more vulnerable to be burglarized because weather may preclude attendance or people are gone due to holidays and semester breaks.

How can businesses limit losses? Staffing additional personnel during peak shopping hours is one suggestion. Reviewing purchasing and credit card policies with employees would help minimize potential consumer and business losses. Hiring of security in addition to utilizing secure storage areas would help thwart most construction thefts. As always, watch out for your neighbor and report any suspicious activity to the police immediately.

There is no magic solution for every business, but having a basic security plan goes a long way in prevention. Remember that you can't control a thief's desire or ability to commit a crime. But, when you deny a thief the opportunity, the chances of a crime happening is diminished to almost nil.

CITIZENS DRIVER LICENSE STATUS AVAILABLE ON-LINE

Nebraska drivers can now check their driving status on the Department of Motor Vehicles' (DMV) website:

<https://www.nebraska.gov/dmv/reinstatements/client.cgi>

If you enter your name, birth date and social security number -or- your Operators License Number (OLN), it will tell you 24/7 whether you are currently valid and even the number of points currently assessed against you.

So if you need to check your driver status – particularly during non-business hours - access exists!

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Return Service Requested



Crime Stoppers is a very important program to Lincoln Police. It is a way citizens can provide information anonymously over the phone or on-line. When information leads to an arrest, recovery of property or clearance of a crime the caller is eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000. The program structure is described as:

“Crime Stopper Programs are organized as a not for profit organization (Charity). A civilian community board of directors provides direction as to the financial and promotional activities of the program. The board of directors enhances the community involvement aspect, and its function is vital to the programs success.

The Crime Stoppers program is funded by private donations and fund raising. NO TAX DOLLARS are involved. The reward money paid out by the program is from the fund raising and donations from concerned citizens and businesses.

A community board of directors, made up of persons from throughout the area, meets on a monthly basis to evaluate arrests and to decide on the size of rewards to be paid, up to \$1,000. Rewards are then distributed in a private manner to the callers. Callers are eligible for rewards up to \$1,000, but, despite this, many callers choose not to collect their rewards.” (Lincoln/Lancaster County Crime Stoppers web-site)

In other words the program is civilian in nature and not administered by the police department. As a community, we all benefit from the information obtained. With further cooperation by our local media you can see and hear current Crime Stoppers information at the following formats.

On-line at:

www.lnkcristoppers.com

www.myspace.com/lincolnpd

www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/police

On the FM radio dial at:

FROGGY98 at 98.1



96KICKS KZKX 96.9



The BLAZE KIBZ 104.1



KFRX at 106.3



On the Television at:

Channel 10/11 KOLN/KGIN



On the AM radio dial at:

KLIN 1400



KFOR 1240

